City of Denton Board of Ethics

After determining that a quorum was present, the Board of Ethics of the City of Denton, Texas, convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 5, 2023, at 5:32 p.m. in the Council Work Session Room at City Hall, 215 E. McKinney Street, Denton, Texas.

PRESENT: Vice-Chair Annetta Ramsay, and Members Andrea Eberhard, Hannah Klaassen, Dustin Pavelek, Tom Pryor and Alternates David Zoltner and Rob Rayner.

ABSENT: Chair Lara Tomlin

1. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. BOE23-024 Consider approval of minutes for May 1, 2023.

Member Pavelek moved to approve the minutes as presented; motion seconded by Member Pryor. Motion carried.
AYES (7): Vice-Chair Ramsay, and Members, Hannah Klaassen, Dustin Pavelek, Andrea Eberhard, Tom Pryor and Alternates Rob Rayner and David Zoltner.
NAYS (0): None.
ABSENT (1): Lara Tomlin.

B. BOE23-025 Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding the creation of a public comment period for Board of Ethics meetings.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Mr. Neil Durrance spoke on the item.

C. BOE23-026 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and take necessary action regarding proposed amendments to the Ethics Ordinance and Board of Ethics' Rules of Procedure.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Consensus to postpone all rejected proposals and add them to the topics for future meetings list.

D. BOE23-027 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give direction regarding a redesign of the annual Ethics Ordinance training required by City of Denton Code of Ordinances Article XI Sec. 2-276 Training.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

E. BOE23-028 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and take necessary action regarding the ethics complaint process detailed in Code of Ordinances Chapter 2, Article XI (Ethics), Sec. 2-281 Meetings and Sec. 2-282 Disposition.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Mr. Neil Durrance spoke on the item.

Board consensus that the burden of proof for an Ethics Complaint should not rest on the Complainant. Direction to bring back wording for different burden of proof options at a future meeting.

F. BOE23-029 Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding future meeting topics.

The item was presented, and discussion followed.

Direction to bring the burden of proof discussion back in August and postpone the definition of pending matter discussion to September.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Lara Tomlin
Chair

Tammy Peal
Recording Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED ON: August 7, 2023